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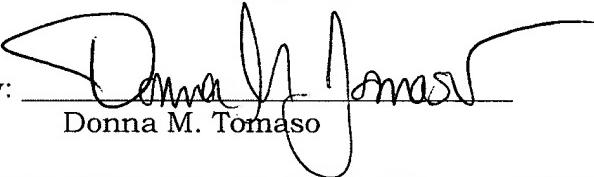
SERIAL NO.: 09/045,385 GROUP: 2871

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FOR: EASY-TO-MANUFACTURE LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE
WITH LIGHT SHIELDING FRAME LAYER (AS AMENDED)

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COMBINED SECOND REQUEST FOR DRAWING CHANGE

APPROVAL AND AMENDMENT

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In response to the Official Action currently outstanding with regard to the above-identified case, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following Second Request for Drawing Change Approval and that the subject application be amended as follows:

SECOND REQUEST FOR DRAWING CHANGE APPROVAL

In the Official Action currently outstanding in the above-identified application, the Examiner has acknowledged Applicants' indication of the submission of a request for approval of certain changes to the drawings, but indicated that she has not received the same. This is not understood by the Applicants since their attorneys have received a return receipt postcard from the United States Patent and Trademark Office indicating that that request was duly received.

Nevertheless, in order to expedite the prosecution of this application, Applicants hereby again request approval of the drawing changes shown in RED on the enclosed photocopies of Figs. 6 and 7 of this application. More specifically, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's approval of changes to Figs. 6 and 7 that would add thereto the legend -- PRIOR ART --.

These proposed drawing changes were requested by the Examiner and will not add any new matter to this application.

Accordingly, the Examiner's approval of these changes to the drawings of this application in response to this communication is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1, 2, 6 and 8-17, without prejudice.